

CLAIMS

Please replace the previous listing with the following re-written version:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing damage in a roof membrane of a roof substrate caused by hail/fastener impact comprising:

locating fasteners in a roof construction such that a top of said fastener is exposed at a top surface of the roof substrate;

positioning at least two individual pieces of energy absorbing material that are non-metallic to discretely cover each individual fastener of said fasteners whereby said fastener is completely covered by both of said at least two pieces, said at least two pieces including a first piece that is positioned and dimensioned to directly contact said top of said fastener, such that said first piece is positioned and dimensioned to cover a substantial entirety of a top surface of no other roofing component; and

affixing said first piece to said top of fastener;

affixing a second piece of said at least two individual pieces of energy absorbing material to a relative top of said first piece, wherein said second piece covers a substantial entirety of a top surface of said first piece, and wherein said fastener is disposed entirely out of contact with said second piece; and

positioning a roof waterproofing membrane atop all forgoing elements.

Claim 2. (Original) A method for reducing roof membrane damage from hail/fastener contact as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said affixing is by adhering.

Claim 3. (Original) A method for reducing roof membrane damage from hail/fastener contact as claimed in Claim 2 wherein said adhering is by a self stick adhesive applied to said energy absorbing material.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics comprising:

a roof substrate having one or more layers of material;

at least one head of at least one fastener exposed at a top surface of said substrate;

at least two individual pieces of energy absorbing material that are non-metallic and positioned to discretely cover said heads of each individual fastener of said at least one fasteners, said at least two pieces including a first piece that is positioned and dimensioned to directly contact said head of said fastener, such that said first piece is affixed to said head of said fastener so as to cover a substantial entirety of a top surface of no other roofing component, and said at least two pieces including a second piece that is affixed to a relative top of said first piece, wherein said second piece covers a substantial entirety of a top surface of a top surface of said first piece, and wherein said fastener is disposed entirely out of contact with said second piece; and

a roof waterproofing membrane positioned atop all foregoing elements,.

Claim 5. (Original) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said one or more layers of material includes insulation.

Claim 6. (Original) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said energy absorbing material is cover tape.

Claim 7. (Previously Presented) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in claim 4 wherein said energy absorbing material is a self-sticking cover tape composed of cured ethylene propylene diene monomer (EPDM) membrane with a butyl gum rubber bottom.

Claim 8. (Original) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 6 wherein said cover tape is ethylene propylene diene monomer.

Claim 9. (Original) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 6 wherein said cover tape is self-adhesive tape.

Claim 10-12. (Cancelled)

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics comprising:

- a roof substrate having one or more layers of material;
- at least one top of at least one fastener exposed at a top surface of said substrate;
- a roof waterproofing membrane positioned over said at least one fastener; and
- at least two individual piece of energy absorbing material that are non-metallic and

positioned atop all forgoing elements and said waterproofing membrane to discretely cover said tops of each individual fastener of said at least one fasteners, said at least two pieces including a first piece that is positioned and dimensioned directly over said top of said fastener, such that said first piece is positioned and dimensioned to cover a substantial entirety of a top surface of no other roofing component, and said at least two pieces including a second piece that is affixed to a relative top of said first piece; and

an adhesive applied to said first piece and said second piece, said adhesive adhering said first piece to said second piece, and said first piece to said waterproofing membrane.

Claim 14. (Cancelled)

Claim 15. (Previously Presented) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 13 wherein said energy absorbing material is cover tape.